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REFERENCE TO: Mission 1107-2, DAMAGE AT LAUNCH PAD J1

TYURATAM LAUNCH COMPLEX J, USSR

1. SIGNIFICANCE: PHOTOGRAPHY REVEALS THE RESULTS OF A LARGE  
EXPLOSION AT LAUNCH PAD J1, TYURATAM  
MISSILE TEST CENTER.

2. LOCATION: APPROXIMATELY 20 NM NORTH OF THE TYURATAM  
MAIN SUPPORT BASE.

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3. REMARKS: NONE

4. COLLATERAL:

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION: THIS MISSION.
6. NEGATION DATE: NONE.
7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: NONE
8. DIMENSIONS / SPECIFICATIONS: OVERALL SIZE OF LAUNCH VEHICLE OBSERVED AT LAUNCH AREA J1-J2 --

HEIGHT:

BASE DIAMETER:

9. MISSION READOUT: PHOTOGRAPHY OF LAUNCH COMPLEX J REVEALS THE RESULTS OF A LARGE EXPLOSION AT LAUNCH PAD J1. A PORTION OF THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF THE LAUNCH PAD APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN DAMAGED; THE HIGH LATTICE-WORK PROBABLE LIGHTNING ARRESTOR TOWER ON THE SOUTHWEST SIDE OF THE PAD AND THE SOUTHERN ILLUMINATION TOWER ARE NO LONGER PRESENT; THE PEDESTAL WITHIN THE APERTURE APPEARS TO BE ABSENT; AND THE PROBABLE SONIC BAFFLES IN THE SOUTHWESTERN EXHAUST FLUME HAVE BEEN DAMAGED. THE ROTATING SERVICE TOWER IS PARKED AWAY FROM THE PAD AND PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS REVEALS NO MAJOR DAMAGE.

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**DAMAGE AT LAUNCH PAD J1**  
**LAUNCH COMPLEX J, TYURATAM MISSILE TEST CENTER, USSR**  
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